

November 3rd, 2004

MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Mike Sharp opened the meeting with introductions. There was some general discussion where Loran Frazier was introduced as the acting Chief Engineer.

NEW BUSINESS F/ MDT

1. **Supplemental Specifications.** MDT informed MCA that all proposed supplemental specifications would be put on hold until the new spec book is finished unless there is a critical change.

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1. **Temporary Sign Supports.** MCA informed MDT that field engineers are not uniformly enforcing the contractor to remove the sign supports within 90 days if they are not needed. There is some inconsistency throughout the state and MDT will look into this.
2. **Traffic Control Units.** MCA expressed confusion with the traffic control units. MCA stated that some special provisions on projects are stating that the price goes to 0.80 cents if the units overrun to 115%. The question is should the contractor be paid \$0.80 per unit on quantities over 115% or the quantities that are over 100%. MDT is currently working on the problem and asked for comments from MCA.
3. **Chip Seal Gradation.** MCA expressed some surprise to see the Seal Coat gradations changed. MDT thought they were involved with the proposed changes from the beginning but will look into this.
4. **Volumetric Targets.** MCA stated that there is some confusion on what rice to use when setting their targets. MCA suggested a smaller first lot to get set up. MDT stated that they are currently reviewing this internally to see if there is continuity on the rice. MDT will look into this.
5. **Magnesium Chloride.** MCA informed MDT that shooting mag-chloride just prior to paving in colder, wetter weather creates a slick plane between the gravel and the plant mix. MCA suggested a time frame of 72 hours before paving. MDT felt there should be some clarification and will look into this.
6. **Select Backfill Gradation.** MCA proposed revising the Select Backfill gradation because the price is ending up being about \$100/ton. MDT asked for comments from MCA.
7. **100% incidental item.** MCA is concerned with some expensive items being listed as incidental to other items. The example given was that sand work is incidental to the work for wick drains but can be several times the price of the wick drain. If the wick drain is reduced, the sand may not be, but the payment is based only on the wick. MDT will look into this.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Major Item.** MCA said they had forwarded their comments on the supplemental specifications dealing with the Major Item to MDT. MDT, however, had not received them. MCA stated they would resend the comments. MDT will consider these comments before drafting a final version.
2. **Bid Express.** Bid Files are available. Information for Bid Bonds will be out today. Bid Files will be open on the 10th.
3. **Bid Disks.** MDT informed MCA that the bid disks will be phased out by January.
4. **Annual Grade S Review.** MDT received comments from MCA. The Grade S team will have a draft out within a week. The plant mix policy is currently going through a revision. Grade D Commercial will be used on jobs between 0 – 2000 ton, Quality Assurance Acceptance and some Hamburg testing will be used on jobs between 2000 – 20000 ton, and Grade S volumetrics will be used for any project over 20000 tons.
5. **Erosion Control.** MDT informed MCA that the erosion control rate schedule will be out in

January.

6. **Qualified Products List.** MDT informed MCA that they are just starting now on the QPL. It should be implemented by the next construction season.
7. **Addenda Process.** MDT stated that the QA deadline of Friday should be implemented by the next meeting.
8. **¾" Crushed Top Surfacing.** MDT is still waiting for the new AASHTO design guideline before making a decision.
9. **Width Permits in Const. Zones.** MCA informed MDT that this issue would be discussed at the executive meeting following the technical committee meeting. There will a representative from MDT Right of Way and Motor Carrier Services.
10. **Utility Relocation Problems.** This is a politically motivated item. There are some statutory requirements that must be met regarding utilities. MCA will assemble some examples.

The next meeting will be **December 1st, 2004**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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